(e) what are the details of hospitals proposed to come up in Delhi during the next three years and what are the names of the companies who are promoting them with the details of facilities promised by each of these hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Delhi Administration have promoted a Joint Sector Company, viz. Indraprastha Medical Corporation Limited to establish and run a multi-speciality hospital in the incomplete building situated adjacent to the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium, New Delhi. M/s. Apollo Hospital Enterprises Limited, Madras are the Co-promoters of the Joint Sector Enterprise. The building has been given on lease basis to the Company. The Company will make available 1/3 of the indoor beds (200 out of 600 beds) free of charge to the Delhi Administration which will be available to the public. The nature of facilities to be provided free will include medical, diagnostic and curative care. The Company will also make available 40% of the out patient Department facilities free.

The medical facilities to be established by the Joint Sector Company will include Cardiology and Cardiothoracis surgery, trauma and re-constructive surgery, organ transplant, oncology, neurology and neuro-surgery. The hospital will be equipped with the most advanced state-of-the art diagnostic equipment.

It is estimated that Rs. 30.00 crores will be required for establishing the Hospital, which will be financed by equity and loan capital in the ratio of 1/3:2/3. The Delhi Administration would contribute 26% of the equity and the Apollo Group of Hospitals will contribute 25%, the balance equity capital of 49% will be offered to the general public including non-resident Indians.

Chief Secretary, Delhi Administration, will be the Chairman of the Board of Directors, which will include Secretary (Medical) and Secretary (Finance) Delhi Administration. The Managing Director and 2 other Directors on the Board will be the nominees of the Co-promoter.

(c) to (e) It is true that the large number of private clinics and hospitals have been established in Delhi during the last few years. The Delhi Nursing Homes Registraion Act, 1953 and the rules framed thereunder provide for registration and also prescribes standards to be maintained in regard to buildings, water supply, equipment and other related facilities. The Delhi Administration are reviewing the existing legislation with a view to make it more effective.

Indraprastha Medical Corporation Limited is the only Company which is promoting a Hospital in the joint pleased to state:

Inadequate passenger facilities

*53. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to instal close circuit TV sets at all the stations in the country;

(b) whether in view of inadequate passenger amenities and facilities provided in numerous other trains, Government would reconsider the proposal and instead provide basic facilities in passenger trains throughout the country;

(c) whether the specially created Directorate of Passenger Amenities has formulated any plan to know the grievances of the travelling public and to set up a machinery for the redressal of their complaints; and

(d) what are the railways offering in terms of facilities on railway plat-

forms and overnight shelters for the passengars and whether there are any plans for development in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Upgradation of facilities on trains is a continuous process.

(c) A Directorate of Passenger Amenities has been set up to ensure effective coordination in policy formulation on passenger amenities. A machinery for the redressal of passenger complaints is already in existence.

(d) Basic amenities like seating arrangements, drinking water, Waiting Halls, sanitized latrines, electric lighting, proper booking arrangements, shady trees, suitable platforms etc. are provided at the stations as per the stipulated norms based on the volume of traffic dealt with. The amenities are reviewed from time to time and deficiencies, if any, are made good subject to availability of funds.

Legislation to ban sex determination tests

*54. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:

SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to prohibit the tests to determine the sex of an unborn child through a central legislation in view of the misuse of the tests to prevent the birth of a female child;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to conduct a survey regarding the bad effects of such tests and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The entire question of enacting a legislation for regulating sex determination tests is under the consideration of the Government.

(c) In view of (a) and (b) above, there is no need for such a survey.

Replacing of Dornier aircraft in Vayudoot

*55. SHRI M. KADHARSHA:

SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Vayudoot propose to replace the Dornier aircraft with a bigger aircraft;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what type of aircraft are proposed to be purchased for Vayudoot; and

(d) whether any expert Committee had been set up for the purpose and if so, the decision taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) In order to meet the projected increase in traffic and to replace some of the again aircraft Vayudoot proposes to acquire some 40 plus seater aircraft. The Committee appointed to determine the capacity requirement of Vayudoot as also to recommend the type and number of aircraft to be purchased has not yet finalised its recommendations.